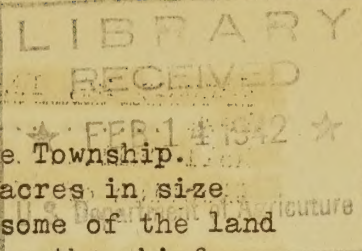


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FILLMORE FRIENDS



There are about 140 farm families living in Fillmore Township. The income they receive from farms that are typically 160 acres in size is average or below average for the State of Iowa because some of the land in the township is quite rough. Hogs and dairy products are the chief sources of farm income. Poultry and beef cattle are less important. About half the families have telephones, but only one or two have electricity or running water.

The Fillmore Friends, a 4-H agricultural club, had 17 members in 1939, 15 boys and 2 girls. Eleven of the members were new. One boy had been a 4-H member for 8 years, another for 7, another for 5, and another for 4. The girls had been in 4-H work 2 and 3 years respectively.

The 3 youngest members were 12 years of age and the oldest was 18. Five members were in the 7th and 8th grades of the rural schools, 10 were attending high school in an adjoining township, and 2 had finished high school and were working at home. Five members took dairy projects, 4 poultry, 3 swine, 3 colt, 2 beef, 1 sheep, and 1 garden.

L. E. M., the leader of the club, is a farmer whose 20-year-old son had been a 4-H member for 8 years but did not join in 1939. He gave the equivalent of about 8 days' time to 4-H leadership, 3 to preparing for and attending regular club meetings, 1 to assisting members individually (by visiting their homes, etc.), 3 to attending 4-H events, and 1 to leader training meetings and miscellaneous. He attended the county club dinner in January, the county achievement exhibit and the State fair in August, and 1 leaders' training meeting. He had stopped twice at the agent's office for 4-H information.

The assistant leader, A. C. V., is also a farmer and father of a former 4-H member. He attended club meetings and the same events as L. E. M. except that he did not attend the leaders' training meeting.

The county agent (there was no club agent in the county) had attended all but two of the nine regular club meetings, the club tour, and the meeting held with the Township Farm Bureau. He met with the program planning committee, made four visits to the leader's home and three visits to the assistant leader's home, about 4-H matters.

The program committee of six members met with the agent and local leader for an hour after the January meeting. Suggestions from the agent, local leader, county program, and State literature were used as guides. The agent had a suggested program tentatively outlined before he came to the meeting.

The program prepared by the committee was mimeographed in the agent's office and assembled in an attractive booklet. This was sent to each member before the March meeting.

The booklet contained the names of the members of the club, the club officers, the county officers in addition to the program, which follows:
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January 24, 1939

Host.....Farr Brothers
Roll Call.....Farm Machinery
Election of officers

March 28, 1939

Host.....Brooks Brothers
Roll Call.....Famous Brothers
Talk: "Do We Want To Be Farmers?"
Robert Baker
Dem: Keeping a Record Book.....
Thomas Brooks

April 24, 1939

Host.....Perry Brothers
Roll Call
Talk: "Barndoor or Book".....
Edward Perry
Dem: Identification of Weeds....
Richard Nelson

May 23, 1939

Club Tour, end at Bakers
Roll Call....How to drive to my
home from Weldon
Talk: "Animal Sanitation".....
Wayne Perry
Dem: How To Curl A Calf.....
Billy Baker

June 26, 1939

Host.....James Bell
Roll Call.....Fence Materials
Talk: "Sweet Cream".....
John Perry
Talk: "Farming Around the Hill".
Arthur Farr
Dem: Judging Dairy Cattle.....
Robert Baker
Dem: How To Catch Gophers.....
David Farr

July 25, 1939

Host.....Joe Kendrick
Roll Call.....Name an Iowa Park
Talk: "Pepping up Pastures"....
Billy Baker
Talk: "Away with Weeds".....
George Brooks
Dem: Making Introductions.....
Joe Kendrick
Dem: Tying a Four-in-Hand.....
Wayne Perry

August 22, 1939

Host.....Richard Nelson
Roll Call.....Most interesting
sight on our farm
Talk: "Safe Travel for Livestock"
David Farr
Talk: "A Park for Clarke County"
John Perry
Dem: Blocking a Lamb.....
George Brooks

September 26, 1939

Host.....A. C. V.
Roll Call..Interesting incidents
at the fair
Talk: "Wired Help"..Thomas Brooks
Talk: "Pretty Good Eggs".....
James Bell
Dem: Shining Shoes.....Arthur Farr

October 24, 1939

Host.....Johnsons
Roll Call....Name a Tune and Sing
Part of it.
Talk: "Landlord and Tenant".....
Richard Nelson
Talk: "Animal Sanitation".....
Andrew Johnson
Dem: Parts of Horses.....
John Perry

November 28, 1939

Host.....L. E. M.
Roll Call.....Cuts of Meat
Talk: "Somewhere a Home is Burn-
ing"...Robert Baker
Talk: "Yards and Yards".....
Gay Johnson
Dem: Pressing a Pair of Trousers..
Edward Perry

December 26, 1939

Host.....Farr Brothers
Roll Call.....My Hobby
Talk: "The Farm Dog".....
Joe Kendrick
Dem: Quality Eggs.....
James Bell

Regular club meetings were held as planned in January, March, April, June, July, August, September, and December. The May meeting was a tour, and the township Farm Bureau met with the club in November. The average attendance at meetings was 10 members (57 percent) and 3 parents. At the November meeting with the Farm Bureau the attendance was 9 4-H members and 10 Farm Bureau members.

The typical club meeting started at 8 p. m. and lasted 2 hours. The first 15 minutes was devoted to a business meeting which typically consisted of call to order, roll call, minutes of the last meeting, and old and new business. Following this about 1 hour and 10 minutes was devoted to subject-matter instruction. The talks and demonstrations planned in the program were given by the club members. Both the local leader and the agent gave subject-matter talks and led a discussion of problems the members were having in the conduct of their projects. The agent usually took about 5 minutes with announcements.

At two meetings the club had visiting speakers. At one meeting an initiation ceremony was held for new members, and at another one the members repeated the club pledge. Although not a part of the planned program, a demonstration on rat control was given at one meeting. Rats were a serious problem in Fillmore Township. At another meeting the agent led the club in singing rounds (Little Tom Tinker, Oh, How Lovely Is the Evening) for 10 minutes. Adjournment was usually followed by refreshments (20 minutes.)

Eleven members filled out questionnaires on their participation in club meetings. Table 1 summarizes these data.

Activity	Number of members who			Number who	
	: participated in specified way at:			: did not	
	: 5 or more:	3 or 4	: 1 or 2	: participate	
	: meetings	: meetings	: meetings	: in activity	
Made a motion.....	1	1	7	2	
Participated in discussion...					
during business meeting....	-	1	5	5	
Led singing.....	-	-	-	11	
Led games.....	-	-	3	8	
Gave a talk.....	-	2	9	-	
Gave a demonstration.....	-	-	10	1	
	:	:	:	:	

Seven members answered the question, "What things not in the program of your 4-H Club last year, would you like to have included? Three answers mentioned "music" or "singing," and two requested "recreation."

Table 2 presents data on the degree to which all 17 members participated in events outside of the local community.

Event	Month	Members : attending	Parents : attending	Length of the event
County dairy tour.....	June	7	2	1 day
County beef tour.....	August	1	1	1 day
Judging day at Ames.....	August	2	-	1 day
County achievement exhibit..	August	14	20	3 days
State fair.....	August	8	5	7 days
State conservation camp.....	August	1	-	4 days
St. Joseph Livestock Show...	Sept.	1	-	3 days
County 4-H dinner.....	Jan.	12	10	1 evening

One member took part in 6 of these events, 5 attended 4, 4 attended 3, 4 attended 2, and 3 members did not attend any.

In carrying out the 4-H program the division of responsibility in the Fillmore Friends club was as follows:

A. County agricultural agent:

1. Trained members in judging.
2. Trained demonstration team.
3. Led singing.
4. Gave subject-matter talks and demonstrations.

B. Local leader and assistant leader:

1. Gave subject-matter talks.
2. Helped members with projects by visiting their homes.

C. Club officers:

1. Directed business meeting.
2. Reported club activities to press and county office.
3. Kept club records (although a secretary-treasurer was elected, the club did not have a treasury).

D. Program committee:

1. Prepared club plan of work.
2. Arranged place for club meetings.
3. Planned local events (tour and meeting with Farm Bureau).

E. Parents:

1. Assisted members in securing project.
2. Furnished transportation to county events.
3. Served refreshments.

F. Each member was expected to:

1. Enroll new members.
2. Get to and from regular meetings.
3. Give subject-matter talks and demonstrations.
4. Get his exhibit to the achievement show and fairs.

Of the 17 members, 14 (82 percent) completed their projects, 12 (71 percent) joined the club again the following year. All the 12 members who exhibited at the county achievement day received awards. The awards ranged from \$1.50 to \$30 and totaled \$106. The three members who exhibited at the State fair received \$40 in awards.

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